



MEMORANDUM

Date: October 13, 2015

To: The Honorable Chair and Members
Pima County Board of Supervisors

From: C.H. Huckelberry
County Administrator

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "CHH", is written over the printed name "C.H. Huckelberry".

Re: **Rillito Park Improvements Completion**

Rillito Park, using 2004 authorized bonds, has been largely reconstructed, and additional recreational facilities have been developed. Rillito Park now has 11 full soccer fields, 9 of which are lighted. It is now the largest regional soccer complex in Pima County, with the next largest number of fields at Kino Sports Park (8), followed by Golf Links and Udall Parks at 5 each.

Rillito Park is operated and maintained by the Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation Department in cooperation with our Economic Development and Tourism Department.

Rillito has become a true multipurpose regional park with a farmer's market operated adjacent to the river park on the weekends with an average daily attendance of 2,000. Also, horseracing facilities remain at Rillito; the grandstands and track are available for County fair horseracing. In addition, the clubhouse and accessory facilities are used for a number of community events.

The Rillito Park Foundation has leased the horseracing elements of the facility in the past for County fair horseracing, and lease discussions are currently underway with the Foundation for future horseracing seasons. We are confident an agreement can be reached that will provide benefit to a number of diverse interests and users.

Recent aerial photographs showing the extent of the reconstructive improvements at Rillito Park are attached for your review.

CHH/anc

Attachment

c: John Bernal, Deputy County Administrator for Public Works
Jan Leshner, Deputy County Administrator for Community and Health Services
Nanette Slusser, Assistant County Administrator for Public Works Policy
Chris Cawein, Director, Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation
Tom Moulton, Director, Economic Development and Tourism





















